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SUBJECT: US AND GUINEA BISSAU

1. THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN MADE THE FOLLOWING
ANNOUNCEMENT AUGUST 12.

YOU HAVE ALL SEEN REPORTS THAT PORTUGAL HAS AGREED TO
RECOGNIZE THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA BISSAU IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER AND THAT PORTUGAL WILL TODAY ASK THE UNITED
NATIONS TO ADMIT GUINEA BISSAU. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT TO GIVE YOU ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD.

2. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WELCOME
THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN PRINCIPLE ON AUGUST 9 BETWEEN THE
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PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF GUINEA

BISSAU. WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LEADERS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH GUINEA BISSAU. I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION OF GUINEA BISSAU FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. KISSINGER
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